



WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY.
Light north-east winds and fair weather.

SUGAR—96° Centrifugals, 3.695 in
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CHARGES THAT HE EMBEZZLED PUBLIC MONEY

Attorney General Andrews Makes Formal Accusation Against C. Wilcox and Swears to Three Warrants.

The Accused Man is Taken Into Custody by High Sheriff Brown and Gives Bail at Once for His Appearance in Court Whenever He May be Required to Answer Complaint.

The conclusion has been reached by Attorney General Lorrin Andrews, not that it is time "to turn the rascals out," for it is always time to do that—but to attempt to turn some of them into where they properly belong and where they will perhaps, feel more at home even than with their hands in the pockets of the taxpayers.

And a beginning has been made in the case of Charles Wilcox, ex-disbursing clerk of the Department of Public Works, arrested yesterday. "It is about time, it seems to me," said Mr. Andrews yesterday, "that some effort was being made either to secure the honest administration of those offices charged with the disbursing of public money, or else to secure the punishment of officers who administer their trust dishonestly."

"In the case of Wilcox, the money is gone and it is public money. I have made up my mind that somebody must be made answerable for that shortage. And I have sworn to the warrant for his arrest myself. That will show that I am at least earnest in the matter. I do not intend to have this department charged even with the connivance of silence concerning a defalcation that has been made notorious by the press."

In fact, the Wilcox affair makes a very pretty story of malfeasance in office, to call it by no stronger term, as it stands. And public opinion in Honolulu will stand strongly behind Attorney General Andrews in this effort to do his duty, where some other officials have so clearly proven derelict. It would seem, to be sure, that Superintendent of Public Works Cooper was the man to swear to the warrant for the arrest of Wilcox, inasmuch as the alleged offense was committed while the accused man was an employe of that department. Unfortunately, Mr. Cooper had given Wilcox a letter asserting belief in his honesty, and had then allowed him to resign under fire. You cannot swear that you believe a man to be an embezzler after you have attested his honesty in writing—at least, you cannot do it and preserve any semblance of consistency. And in justice to Mr. Cooper it may be stated with perfect truth that he has at no time shown any wild, overmastering desire to compass the arrest of Mr. Wilcox. The matter of the alleged shortage was not brought to the attention of the Department of Justice by anybody in the Public Works Department. In fact, it did not need to be. It was a matter of common notoriety. The personal "I. O. U.'s" given to Wilcox by Wright to secure the money advanced by one official to another out of the public funds were known to be in existence. Wilcox himself had admitted that he gave the money to Wright, taking the "I. O. U.'s" to secure himself from any consequences that might arise from this mishandling of public money. The fact that he felt this necessity would have implied, to any other man, that he also felt that he was engaged in a questionable transaction. And yet he kept right on, and the Superintendent of Public Works asserts absolute belief in his honesty. Really, there is a certain obliquity of moral perception in all this that is astonishing. But the Attorney General's vision, at least, is clear. He knows an offense against the law when he sees it, and by that knowledge gives one more demonstration of his fitness for the office that he holds. Also, he is not afraid of moving against the public offender.

In connection with the story of this shortage, a cablegram received by the Associated Press from Washington yesterday will have more than passing interest. It reads as follows:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Former Attorney General E. P. Dole of Hawaii denies that he had any knowledge of the newly discovered shortage of \$2,377.85, as reported by the Hawaiian Legislature House Committee on Public Expenditures. The committee's report, stating that the shortage in question was known to the Governor, Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Works, and no action was taken, is stated by the former Attorney General to be untrue as far as he is concerned."

There were three warrants sworn out for the arrest of Wilcox, each charging the embezzlement of a particular sum of money, of which he had the custody as a public official. One of these will do for a sample:

Territory of Hawaii, Island of Oahu, ss.

"Lorrin Andrews of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, being first duly sworn says: That at said Honolulu on the 31st day of July, 1902, Charles Wilcox being then and there an officer of the Territory of Hawaii employed in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, a department of the Territory of Hawaii known as the Department of Public Works, to-wit: the disbursing officer of the

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COUNTY BILL HOLDS ATTENTION OF BOTH LEGISLATIVE HOUSES

Senate Advances the Measure and Makes Special Order for Monday.

House Committee Is Almost Ready With Report Showing Some Changes—Kupihea Uncovers Mare's Nest With Display of Forensics.

The House committee which has been considering the County bill, has finished its report. The measure has been amended slightly.

The plan now is to have the report of the Committee ready for submission on Monday, when the bill will be read a second time by title, and then action will commence. The Kauai school bill was put into the measure last evening and as well the district magistrate provision was amended. As it now stands the judges will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Road Boards probably will take the same course. The question of procedure will then come up as it is desired to have the bill in such shape that it will conform to the legal requirements of three readings in both houses, and yet get into the hands of the conference committee as early as possible, for no one expects it will pass both houses in precisely the same form.

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CHARLES B. DWIGHT GOES OUT UNDER A BIG CLOUD

James H. Boyd's Right Hand Man No Longer Road Superintendent—Caught in a Neat Scheme to Line His Pockets.

One more man in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works has gone wrong—at least, he has gone far enough wrong to lose his job. Road Supervisor Charles B. Dwight was called upon by Superintendent Cooper yesterday morning to hand in his resignation because of certain charges of devious methods in connection with work on the roads, and at once complied with the demand. It is a fact well known to all who are conversant with road work in the Territory that the condition of several road funds has been such that teams belonging to the government have been compelled to stand idle, eating their heads off, because there was no money in the funds to keep them going. The matter has been discussed openly in the Legislature. Nevertheless, it is charged that Dwight did not keep his own teams idle. The charge is, on the contrary, that he kept his teams at work, drawing pay for their services from the Territorial treasury at the very time that the government teams were doing nothing because there was no money in the funds. This has been an open secret. Owners of teams about town have gone about the streets complaining of the action of Dwight in employing his own teams while theirs were given no chance at the plow. But there is even worse than that, for the tale goes that teams belonging to a Senator of the Territory have also been hired by Dwight, and paid for out of the public funds.

Superintendent Cooper was asked whether a successor to Mr. Dwight had been named. He replied that he had no one in mind as yet to be appointed to the vacancy. He also stated that he did not contemplate at present making any further changes in the Road Supervisor's department, and no other resignations had been sent in.

DATE SET FOR YOUNG VANDERBILT'S MARRIAGE

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)

NEWPORT, R. I., Mar. 20.—The Vanderbilt-Neilson nuptials will take place on April 15. The wedding of young Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Cathleen Neilson has been postponed many times. Miss Neilson is famous as a beauty and a society favorite. She is a devout Roman Catholic while Vanderbilt is a Protestant and this fact is said to have caused some of the postponements.

LEVEES BREAK AND BIG AREA IS INUNDATED

Canada Finds Old Maps and Lays Claim to Ownership of the Great Lynn Canal and Big Slice of American Territory.

Turks and Macedonians Have a Sharp Fight. Small Pox Epidemic at Salt Lake—Riots in Hungary—A New Rear Admiral—San Francisco Strike Temporarily Averted.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 20.—The levees have broken and the river is inundating vast tracts of country. Many refugees are arriving in boats and others have taken refuge in the upper stories of buildings in the flooded districts. Owing to past experiences, most farmers and villagers are provided with rafts or boats and have stores of provisions out of harm's way. The War Department has sent tents and rations to this city for the homeless.

A New Rear Admiral.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Captain F. A. Cook, U. S. N., has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral. Captain Cook is a Massachusetts man and has been in the navy since 1860, when he entered the Academy at Annapolis. He was an ensign in the west gulf blockading squadron during the last two years of the Civil War, and was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1867. Since that time he has lived the life of change and transfer common with most naval officers. In 1868 he was promoted a Lieutenant Commander, was made a Commander in 1881 and a Captain in 1886. Later he was given command of the cruiser Brooklyn, and remained in that post until and during the war with Spain. The Brooklyn subsequently became the flagship of the famous flying squadron, and Captain Cook acted as Commodore Schley's chief of staff.

Canadian Canal Claims.

MONTREAL, Mar. 20.—A discovery of old maps supports the claim of Canada to the ownership of Lynn Canal.

If the Canadians are able to prove that the maps are genuine they may secure the strip of Alaskan land that they have been contending for. If Lynn Canal were proven to be the boundary the important cities of Skagway and Juneau would become British. The American contention is that the American boundary starts at the entrance to Portland channel, near Port Simpson, the terminus of the new trans-Canadian railway and takes in all of the coast line and islands as far north as Lake Bennett, including the cities above referred to and the Lynn Canal.

Hungarian Student Riots.

BUDAPEST, Mar. 20.—The anniversary of the birth of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, was marked by student riots in which the police were stoned. There were many arrests.

Shoemakers on a Strike.

CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—One thousand shoemakers are out of employment owing to a strike caused by the discharge of a single fireman.

Turks and Macedonians Fight.

SOFIA, Mar. 20.—The newspapers report a severe engagement between Turks and Macedonians with heavy losses on both sides.

San Francisco Strike Averted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 20.—Concessions by the employers have temporarily averted a strike on the local street car lines.

Small Pox at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 20.—There is a smallpox epidemic here. Eighty cases are now under treatment.

Woman Suffrage Defeated.

PHOENIX, A. T., Mar. 20.—The Governor has vetoed the Woman's Suffrage bill.

A Chinese Rebellion.

CANTON, Mar. 20.—Troops have been sent to suppress a rebellion in Yam Chow.